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Rhode Island
Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
Family Independence Program (FIP)

The Rhode Island “Learning Disabilities Project” Resource Guide



“Your beacon to the future”



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www.ors.ri.gov/Learning_Disabilities.htm

Individuals who believe that they have a learning disability, which substantially interferes with their ability to get or keep a job and want assistance may be eligible for an LD assessment and accommodations through ORS. Applicants who receive FIP (Family Independence Program) cash assistance for themselves and their children may contact the **ORS/FIP Learning Disabilities Project** – Lynn Landi at 421-7005 x348 for more information. Individuals not on FIP can contact the ORS Intake at (401) 421-7005 for more information on applying for services. Vocational accommodations, which may be provided, include assistive technology devices such as spellcheckers, tape recorders, etc.

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If you need this in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, diskette, cassette), please contact Sharon DiPinto at (401) 421-7005 ext. 318.

Educational Services

Blackstone Valley Chapter Arc

115 Manton Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02861
(401) 727-0150

www.bvcriarc.org

Blackstone Valley Chapter Arc provides Adult Basic Education, instruction for adults with developmental disabilities.

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program

32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 723-4520

Email: bvcap@aol.com

Offers GED and ESL instruction.

Bristol Warren Adult Education

790 Main Street
Warren, RI 02885
(401) 245-3392

www.bw.k12.RI.us

Email: rid4070@ride.ri.net

Provides ESL, GED, and a continuing Adult Education Program.

Community College of Rhode Island

Knight Campus
400 East Avenue
Warwick RI 02886

Flanagan Campus
1762 Louisquisset Pike
Lincoln RI 02865

Providence Campus
One Hilton Street
Providence RI 02905

www.ccri.cc.ri.us

Academic Accommodations

Contact: Tracy Karrasinski
(401) 825-2305

CCRI offers academic accommodations for all students with a documented disability. Accommodations include, but are not limited to: tape recorded lectures, extended time, alternate format for exams and use of adapted computer equipment.

Access to Opportunity

Contact: Tracy Karrasinski
(401) 825-2305

Access to Opportunity is a grant-funded retention program that provides support services to first-generation, low-income students and students with disabilities.



LD Assessment and Accommodations

URI Testing Service
Feinstein College of Continuing Education
80 Washington Street
Providence RI 02903

Contact: Bob Mason at
Rhode Island Department of Education
(401) 222-4600 x2180
E-mail: ride/1555@ride.ri.net

The RI Department of Education and URI Testing Service have entered into a cooperative agreement to provide psycho-educational evaluations for economically disadvantaged students enrolled in adult education programs in RI. First priority is given to students in programs that receive funding from the RI Department of Education. Adult education program staff make the request for testing in writing. Contact Bob Mason at the RI Department of Education for details of the referral procedure.



Internet Resources (cont.)

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)

<http://www.interdys.org>

Job Accommodations Network (JAN)

<http://www.interdys.org>

LD Online: Learning Disability Resources

<http://www.ldonline.org>

Learning Disabilities of America (LDA)

<http://www.ldanatl.org>

Literacy Resources/Rhode Island

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sweaver_Center/Literacy_Resources/Centers/centers.html

National Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities Center (NALLDC)

<http://www.ldonline.org>

National Institute for Literacy

<http://www.nifl.gov>



CCRI/REACH (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes)

Contact: Pauline Hamlin (401) 825-2290 (Knight Campus)

Email: phamlin@ccri.edu

Contact: Denise Szymczuk (401) 333-7165 (Flanagan Campus)

Email: dszymczuk@ccri.edu

The REACH program is sponsored by CCRI and the RI Department of Human Services and provides services to FIP (Family Independence Program) participants who are interested in attending post secondary education. REACH offers informal academic LD assessment, TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) testing, ESOL, GED Preparation, and remediation with one-to-one tutoring available tailored to the student's individual learning needs. REACH services are also available at CCRI's Newport site...contact the Knight Campus for details.

Cranston Adult Education

41 Heath Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910
(401) 785-8166

Offers ESL and GED programs for adults.

DaVinci Center for Community Progress

470 Charles Street
Providence, RI 02904
(401) 272-8010

www.davincicenter.org

Email: dpcannon@davincicenter.org

Davinci Center provides classes in ESL, GED, and job readiness skills and career counseling to the general public.

Dorcas Place Parent Literacy Center

220 Elmwood Avenue
Providence RI 02907
(401) 273-8866

www.dorcasplace.org

Dorcas Place provides specialized classroom and one-on-one tutoring instruction from basic literacy through GED preparation. Work readiness, job placement, and supportive social services are also available for learning disabled students.

Elmwood Community Center

PO Box 72750
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 461-7940
Email: elmscape@aol.com

In addition to classroom training, business mentors are matched with participants and assist individuals with employment opportunities, interview techniques, provide internships, and career counseling.

Family Outreach Center, Inc.

11 Hawthorne Street
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 781-6996

A comprehensive agency with three components: licensed childcare, pre-GED, and GED and ESL education programs.

Goodwill Industries, Inc.

100 Houghton Street
Providence RI 02904
(401) 861-2080

Goodwill provides vocational evaluation, vocational assessments, job placement and other employment-related services to individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

People In Partnerships

200 Main Street, Suite 230
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 727-8002
pipartner@aol.com

PIP is a vocational training and placement program with programs in Child Care, Certified Nursing Assistant, Food Service, Housekeeping/Maintenance, Human Services, and Office Assistant/Computers.

Internet Resources

**Division of Adult Education and Literacy Clearinghouse
US Department of Education**

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/division.html>

**ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational
Education**

<http://www.ericacve.org>

Learning Disabilities of America

Linda DiCecco – Rhode Island Representative

(401) 946-6968

E-mail: Lindixx@email.com

LDA is a national organization promoting public awareness, advocacy, educational intervention, employment opportunities and related services for adults and children with learning disabilities.

Employment Services

Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)

40 Fountain Street

Providence RI 02903

(401) 421-7005

www.ors.ri.gov

The Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) assists eligible individuals with disabilities choose, prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment. Applications can be completed by mail or by attending a group orientation session. The FIP/ORS *“Learning Disabilities Project”* helps identify parents on FIP cash assistance with learning disabilities and provides needed services in order for them to become economically self-sufficient. As with other ORS services, individuals need to have a goal of employment to participate. Call Lynn Landi at (401) 421-7005 x348 for more information.

Federal Hill Tutorial Center

254 Atwells Avenue

Providence, RI

(401) 351-8059

Federal Hill Tutorial Center offers services for adults with learning disabilities at no cost.

Genesis Center

620 Potters Avenue

Providence, RI 02907

(401) 781-6110

The Genesis Center provides education and support services to immigrant and refugee families. Classes include ESL, GED, Computer and pre-employment training.

Institute for Labor Studies and Research

99 Bald Hill Road

Cranston, RI 02920

(401) 463-9900

www.pproteum.org/ilsr

Provides ABE, ESL and GED preparation and job specific instruction to employees of sponsoring companies using a cooperative labor/management mode.



International House of RI

8 Stimson Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 421-7181

Provides ESL classes and individual tutoring for all levels of language learning.

International Institute of RI

645 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 461-5940

www.iiri.org

The International Institute offers ESL and GED programs.

Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA)/Project Learn

260 W. Exchange Street
Suite 106
Providence RI 02903
(401) 861-0815

www.lvari.org



The LVA utilizes volunteers to provide individual tutoring to students in eight locations. Some sites have tutors trained in the “Wilson Reading System”, a phonics-based approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling skills to adults with dyslexia and LD. They also provide statewide literacy information and referral services.

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)

PO Box 8251
Cranston RI 02920
(401) 943-9399

CHADD provides information and support groups for those with ADD/ADHD.

Rhode Island Legal Services

56 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-2652

Legal services provided in certain family, housing, elderly, health and public benefit cases.

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)

175 Main Street
Pawtucket RI 02860
(401) 727-4144
www.ripin@ripin.org

Many adults with LD, ADD/ADHD, or dyslexia also have children with these problems. RIPIN is a non-profit organization that provides information, training, referrals, support, and networking services to parents who may need assistance in getting appropriate services for their children.

Advocacy/Support Services

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Hotline

(800) 514-0301 (voice) (800) 514-0383 (TTY)

The ADA Hotline provides information and assistance regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and can answer questions about how the ADA protects individuals with learning disabilities.

Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy

421 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907

(401) 467-0111

www.chispa.org



RI Disability Law Center

349 Eddy Street

Providence RI 02903

(401) 831-3150 (voice) (401) 831-5335 (TTY)

This organization provides legal assistance or aid for people with special needs or disability-related issues.

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities

41 Cherry Dale Court

Cranston RI 02920

(401) 462-0100 (voice) (401) 462-0101 (TTY)

Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA)/Project Learn (cont.)

Adult Correctional Institute (401) 462-2538

Coventry (401) 822-9103

Newport (401) 846-1265

North Kingstown (401) 294-3303

Providence (401) 351-0511

Warren (401) 247-2177

Westerly (401) 596-9411

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www.networkri.org



One Reservoir Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 462-8909

175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 722-3100 x124

4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02880
(401) 789-9721 x108

470 Metacom Avenue
Warren, RI 02885
(401) 245-9300 x105

1330 Main Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 828-8382

219 Pond Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 762-9010

Offers job placement services, GED testing, employment counseling, training and referrals.

Progreso Latino
626 Broad Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
(401) 728-5920
www.progresolatino.org

Provides ESL, GED preparation and Citizenship classes.



Project LEARN
Contact: Susan Grislis
PO Box 567
One Social Street
Woonsocket RI 02895
(401) 769-4200
www.projectlearnri.org
E-mail: projectlearn.org@conversent.net

Classes also available at:
Central Falls Free Public Library
205 Central Street
Central Falls RI 02863

Project LEARN provides individual instruction to adults with suspected or diagnosed learning disabilities. Certified instructors utilize the “Wilson Reading System”, a highly structured, multisensory, phonemic approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling.

West End Community Center
109 Bucklin Street
Providence, RI 02907
(401) 781-4242
www.wecc.net

Offers alternative educational programs for high school drop-outs and at-risk youths. Also offers GED programs

Centers at a Glance
(Additional educational and social resources
depending on availability)

An Even Start in Newport – (401) 845-8579
Capital City Community Centers – (401) 455-3880
Chamber Education Foundation – Warwick - (401) 732-7700
Commonwealth Literacy Corps – Bristol Community College
(508) 678-2811
Pawtucket Adult Education – (401) 729-6293
South Providence Neighborhood Ministries – (401) 785-2126
University Associated Program of RI at RIC – (401) 456-8072
Workforce Partnership of Great RI – (401) 277-2090

Urban League of Rhode Island

246 Prairie Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 351-5000

www.ulri.org

Offers job related instruction, vocational planning, and career development services.

Warwick Area Adult Learning Center

575 Centerville Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 734-3156

www.adult-ed.org

Email: dcrowley@adult-ed.org

Provides ABE, GED and ESL literacy services as well as vocational training for adults who qualify.

Washington County Adult Learning Center

Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02892
(401) 783-0293

Email: tbrillat@poboxes.com

Provides personalized instruction in small group settings for ESL, GED and basic literacy to residents in Washington County.

Project RIRAL

162 Main Street, Room 404
Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 762-3841

Email: riral@mailtranet.com

Offers pre-GED, GED, ESL, pre-vocational, and job readiness classes.

Providence Housing Authority

100 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 751-6400

Email: marcias@pha-providence.com

Offers social services, job counseling, job placement, referral, academic advising and GED testing.

Rhode Island Outreach Programs

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Whipple Hall, Room 108
Providence, RI 02908
(401) 456-8698

www.ric.edu/academics/dept_outreach.html

Provides computer assisted English language learning (CAELI), and computer assisted literacy and math (CALM) skills training.

Howard R. Swearer Center for Public Service

25 George Street
Providence RI 02912
(401) 863-2338

Sara Whetstone, Coordinator
Alison Simmons, Supervisor

<http://swearercenter.brown.edu/>

Mailing Address:
Brown University
Box 1974
Providence, RI 02912

The Swearer Center offers innovative, community-based programs to fill gaps in existing services, including the following:

PIE (Partners in Education)

PIE is a tutoring program serving women who are unable to attend traditional adult education courses due to lack of transportation and childcare. While not specifically designed for individuals with LD, the one-to-one tutoring that is provided by volunteers in the student's home may be useful to individuals in need of adult basic education or GED preparation.

Swearer ABE Program

Swearer's Adult Basic Education program provides individual tutoring to adult learners in various locations in the Greater Providence Community. The instruction is not LD-specific, but individuals with LD may find the one-to-one approach helpful.

Travelers Aid of Rhode Island

177 Union Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 521-2255

www.travelersaid.org

Email: educationta@aol.com

Provides ABE, GED preparation to homeless and those in transition.

Tri Town Community Action Agency

1126 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
(401) 351-2750

Email: egreene@tri-town.org

Offers job related instruction and career counseling services.

University of Rhode Island – College of Continuing Education

80 Washington Street, Room 245
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 277-5036

www.uri.edu/prov/student_leap

LEAP is a course designed for adults who wish to pursue a college degree, but require skill enhancement in reading, writing and computers.